

Table 9. Number, percent distribution, and annual rate of injury-related ambulatory care visits, according to intent, mechanism, and ambulatory care setting: United States, 1996

Intent and mechanism ¹	Combined settings		Total	Physician offices	Outpatient departments	Emergency departments	Total	Physician offices	Outpatient departments	Emergency departments
	Number of visits in thousands	Percent distribution	Percent distribution				Number of visits per 1,000 persons ²			
All injury visits	129,284	100.0	100.0	67.7	5.2	27.0	488.9	331.2	25.6	132.1
Unintentional injuries	102,105	79.0	100.0	65.3	5.3	29.4	386.1	252.1	20.4	113.6
Falls	21,712	16.8	100.0	63.1	3.6	33.2	82.1	51.9	3.0	27.3
Motor vehicle, traffic	13,129	10.2	100.0	62.9	4.3	32.9	49.7	31.2	2.1	16.3
Striking against or struck accidentally by objects or persons	7,929	6.1	100.0	49.8	5.7	44.5	30.0	14.9	1.7	13.4
Overexertion and strenuous movements	8,540	6.6	100.0	78.9	4.2	16.9	32.3	25.5	1.4	5.5
Cutting or piercing instruments or objects	4,797	3.7	100.0	39.3	5.2	55.5	18.1	7.1	0.9	10.1
Natural and environmental factors	3,698	2.9	100.0	57.3	6.4	36.3	14.0	8.0	0.9	5.1
Poisoning by drugs, medicinal substances, biologicals, other solid and liquid substances, gases, and vapors	1,335	1.0	100.0	*	*5.5	53.1	5.0	*	*0.3	2.7
Fire and flames, hot substance or object, caustic or corrosive material, and steam	1,746	1.4	100.0	57.9	7.5	34.6	6.6	3.8	0.5	2.3
Machinery	1,145	0.9	100.0	53.2	*	42.3	4.3	2.3	*	1.8
Pedal cycle, nontraffic and other	1,026	0.8	100.0	*	*4.6	49.8	3.9	*	*0.2	1.9
Motor vehicle, nontraffic	604	0.5	100.0	*	*	37.8	2.3	*	*	0.9
Other transportation	482	0.4	100.0	*	*	30.2	1.8	*	*	0.6
Firearm missile	262	0.2	100.0	*	39.5	*	1.0	*	0.4	*
Other and not elsewhere classified	5,939	4.6	100.0	56.2	7.4	36.3	22.5	12.6	1.7	8.2
Mechanism unspecified	29,761	23.0	100.0	78.1	6.2	15.6	112.6	87.9	7.0	17.6
Intentional injuries	3,604	2.8	100.0	27.9	7.7	64.4	13.6	3.8	1.0	8.8
Assault	3,110	2.4	100.0	27.1	8.1	64.9	11.8	3.2	0.9	7.6
Self-inflicted	428	0.3	100.0	*	*	59.2	1.6	*	*	1.0
Other violence	*	*	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Injuries of undetermined intent	*	*	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Adverse effects	6,052	4.7	100.0	73.9	7.6	18.6	22.9	16.9	1.7	4.3
Blank cause	17,438	13.5	100.0	88.4	3.6	8.0	65.9	58.3	2.4	5.3

* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.

¹Intent and mechanism are based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM), "Supplementary Classification of External Causes of Injury and Poisoning" (5). A detailed description of the ICD-9-CM E-codes used to create the groupings in this table is provided in the [Technical Notes](#).²Based on U.S. Bureau of the Census monthly postcensal estimates of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States as of July 1, 1996. Figures are consistent with an unpublished hard-copy national population estimates release package PPL-57 (U.S. Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1990-1996) and have been adjusted for net underenumeration using the 1990 National Population Adjustment Matrix.